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LADOT's Special Traffic Operations and Traffic Officers get a thumbs up from CD 4 Councilmember David Ryu after reopening Laurel Canyon Blvd on Saturday. From left to right: Officer Alfred Montenegro (West), Officer Alejandro Alvarado (Hollywood), Luis Cervantes (Valley) and Engineering Associate II, Armen Kamyshyan.

Rain Is On Its Way!

The rain is back...let's see those headlights! If your wipers are on, the law says your lights should be on too. Make sure to stay informed during stormy weather this weekend. To get updates on the weather, sign up: Text NOTIFYLA to 888-777 or → http://NotifyLA.org

Westlake Neighborhood Council Briefed

LADOT Transportation Engineering Associate II, Kenneth Tang, attended last week's Westlake NC Board meeting and shared the latest information regarding a grant funded project to reconfigure and fully signalize the intersection of W. Third St and Columbia Ave. This 'five-sided' intersection is where Crown Hill Ave intersects W. Third at Columbia and these upcoming safety improvements will make the location much safer.

Easy Payment App Available

Paying for a parking ticket has never been easier. PayTixTM was introduced in April 2015, and since then, it has processed an average of 600 payments and \$50K per month.

The app is free to download in the Apple App Store and Google Play. To avoid late fees, the app can send you daily reminders to pay your outstanding parking tickets.

Similar to phone and online payments, a \$2.00 credit card processing fee applies to each transaction. The convenience and versatility of the app has made it popular among users.

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Check it out PayTix at http://paytix.etimsportal.com/

Venice Great Street Groundbreaking

LADOT staff, many of whom are directly supporting the Venice Blvd Great Street project at Monday's Groundbreaking.

On Monday, Mayor Eric Garcetti joined CD 11 Councilmember Mike Bonin, LADOT General Manager Seleta Reynolds, other city representatives and community leaders to break ground on improvements on the Venice Boulevard Great Street project. The improvements will include four new signalized pedestrian crossings and pedestrian head starts at nine Venice Boulevard intersections providing safer and more frequent pedestrian crossings and more accessible street for people of all ages. Please see the Fact Sheet for specifics on this project.

A special thanks to LADOT Project Delivery and Operations staff for their leadership and dedication to this project. Watch highlights of the groundbreaking press conference on this week's <u>LADOT video</u>.

Years of Experience Recognized

Project Delivery and Operations staff who have served over 25 years were honored last week by LADOT with presentation of service pins and certificates.

Those being honored for 30 or more years of city service also received commendations at the Transportation Commission's February meeting.

Congratulations to all of our long term employees!

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